

**Senior Advisory Committee
September 17, 2013
Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:30 a.m.**

Present: Chair Gail Pierce, Linda Spak, Sandra Kelly, Betsey DeMaggio, Sandra Hopf, Susie Wright and Dorothy Graham. Also present for the recording of minutes, was Millie McGinnes. Ann Henault and Deborah Martin were absent

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gail Pierce at 9:30 a.m.

1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, August 20, 2013

Ms. Kelly moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. DeMaggio and carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Spak, Kelly, Wright, Graham, Hopf, DeMaggio) Nays 0
Absent 2 (Henault, Martin)

2. Update on activities and entertain ideas for publicity...

a. BIBB – Calendar <https://sites.google.com/site/bibbulletincalendar/>

Ms. Pierce stated that the September activities calendar through googlegroups will be posted on the Bulletin Board this month.

b. FISH

Ms. Pierce reported that FISH has helped three people. It was suggested that Barbara Baldwin of the Block Island Medical Center be contacted as a source for people in need.

c. Soup Group

It was reported that the numbers of attendees of Soup Group range from 6 – 12, with different people attending.

d. Lunch Bunch

Ms. Kelly noted that Lunch Bunch will resume in mid-October, date to be determined. Ms. Pierce explained that participants have expressed interest in socializing after the lunch events. The committee decided to leave some tables up after Soup Group and Lunch Bunch. Ms. Wright and Ms. Spak volunteered to break the tables down later in the afternoon.

e. Chair Aerobics

It was noted that chair aerobics is continuing, taught by Robin Lewis on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

3. Review Senior Coordinator interviews

Ms. Pierce stated that no applications were received for the Senior Coordinator position. Discussion ensued regarding advertising the position.

Ms. Kelly moved to look into the feasibility of running an advertisement in the Block Island Times "Help Wanted" section and to appropriate up to \$100 to cover the cost. Ms. DeMaggio seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Spak, Kelly, Wright, Graham, Hopf, DeMaggio) Nays 0
Absent 2 (Henault, Martin)

4. Act on monies designated to BIED

Ms. Graham moved to authorize payment of \$400 to BIED for the use of the Community Center from September – December 2013. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Spak, Kelly, Wright, Graham, Hopf, DeMaggio) Nays 0
Absent 2 (Henault, Martin)

5. Act on letter from Roosa Fund Advisory Committee dated 9/12/13 re: purchase of stairs

Ms. Spak moved to support the Manly Fund grant application to the Roosa Fund of Block Island Ecumenical Ministries for the purchase of pool stairs at the Neptune House. Ms. Graham seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Spak, Kelly, Wright, Graham, Hopf, DeMaggio) Nays 0
Absent 2 (Henault, Martin)

6. Review SAC role during interim period and explore need for special committee

a. Wednesday Walkers

Ms. Kelly will run the Wednesday Walkers program, leaving from the statue of Rebecca at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. She will also contact Cookie Lenoci to see if she is interested in running a biking group.

b. Trip to Clouds Hill with the BI Gardeners

Ms. Spak will be the contact for the trip with the Block Island Gardeners to Clouds Hill for a guided tour of the Victorian home and gardens on October 16th.

c. Sponsors for safety activities

This item was discussed under the next agenda item.

7. Safety Awareness Month... Set up dates and times

a. Location of Defibrillators

Discussion ensued regarding hanging posters at AED locations around Town. Ms. Kelly displayed some sample poster designs. Ms. Kelly will also post a list of the AED locations on the Bulletin Board.

b. Refresher Demonstration... when is the best time for this?

Ms. Kelly will confirm a date for an AED refresher course in October after Soup Group and the first Lunch Bunch.

c. Set up fire extinguisher demonstration... when is the best time for this?

d. Update on video demonstrating CPR

These items were not discussed.

8. Discuss and act on Town-wide notification systems presentation to the Town Council

Ms. Kelly moved to recommend to the Town Council that they adopt a Town-wide notification system and send a letter to the Council stating such, along with information of the committee's recommended provider – TRZ Communications. Ms. Spak seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Spak, Kelly, Wright, Graham, Hopf, DeMaggio) Nays 0

Absent 2 (Henault, Martin)

Ms. Kelly will work with Ms. Henault to draft a letter to the Town Council.

9. Update on possible locations for exercising

A brief discussion ensued regarding locations for exercising.

10. Discuss and act on October agenda

The next meeting will be October 15, 2013.

Ms. Pierce noted that she will be stepping down as Chair when her officer's term expires in December. She asked members to consider a replacement.

At 10:55 a.m. a motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn and unanimously approved.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: October 15, 2013